

REMARKS

Claims 26-94 and 97-104 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 38-40, 43, 44, 46, 49, 50 and 53 are amended. Independent claims 38 and 46 are amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied references. The other claims are amended in order to be consistent with amended independent claims 38 and 46.

The amendments to the independent claims are supported in the original specification at, for example, page 4, line 23 - page 5, line 1, page 26, lines 8-9, page 28, line 16 - page 29, line 3 and in the original drawings. The amendments to the dependent claims either delete features from those claims or amend those claims so as to be consistent with the amended independent claims. Accordingly, no new matter is added by the above amendments.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 26-37, 54-94 and 97-104. Applicant also notes with appreciation the identification of allowable subject matter in claims 43 and 44. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, as detailed below.

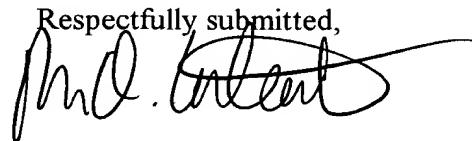
Claims 38-42 and 45-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,477,304 to Nishi in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,916,340 to Negishi. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Nishi and Negishi does not disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in independent claims 38 and 46 (i.e., the only independent claims that are rejected). For example, with respect to independent claim 38, neither Nishi nor Negishi discloses or suggests the claimed first and second electromagnetic actuators that are different from each other, and including the claimed first and second moving members having different weights. Similarly, with respect to independent claim 46, neither Nishi nor Negishi discloses or suggests the claimed first and second actuators that are different from each other and that have different weights. Accordingly, Applicant

respectfully submits that independent claims 38 and 46, along with their dependent claims, are patentable over Nishi and Negishi. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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